COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1263/97

of 1 July 1997

deferring the final date for sowing certain arable crops in certain regions in the 1997/98 marketing year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 of 30 June 1992 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 922/97 [2], and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas Article 10 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 stipulates that, to qualify for the compensatory payments for cereals, protein crops and linseed under the support system for certain arable crops, producers must have sown the seed at the latest by 15 May preceding the relevant harvest;

Whereas Article 9 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 658/96 of 9 April 1996 on certain conditions for granting compensatory payments under the support system for producers of certain arable crops [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 843/97 [4], fixes 15 May as the final date for oilseeds;

Whereas, because of the particular weather conditions this year, the final dates for sowing seeds fixed for Portugal and Sweden cannot be complied with in all cases; whereas, in consequence, the time limit for sowing cereals and/or oilseeds, and/or protein crops and/or linseed for the 1997/98 marketing year should, where necessary, be deferred for certain specific regions; whereas to do so Regulations (EEC) No 1765/92 and (EC) No 658/96 should be waived as permitted by the seventh indent of Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Joint Management Committee for Cereals, Oils and Fats and Dried Fodder,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The final dates for crop sowings in Portugal and Sweden for the 1997/98 marketing year are fixed in the Annex hereto for the crops and regions indicated therein.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

It shall apply from 15 May 1997.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 1 July 1997.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 181, 1. 7. 1992, p. 12.
[2] OJ No L 133, 24. 5. 1997, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 91, 12. 4. 1996, p. 46.
[4] OJ No L 121, 13. 5. 1997, p. 5.

ANNEX

Final date for sowing crops for the 1997/98 marketing year

Crops	Member State	Region	Final date
Cereals, oilseeds, protein crops and linseed	Sweden	Västernorrland Jämtland Västerbotten Norrbotten	21 June 1997
Maize, sunflower	Portugal	The entire country	21 June 1997